

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 6, in the present invention, a data object 200 comprises an ordered sequence of bytes (0 - N) 202 and the size of the object (sum of the bytes) is known to all devices that have any portion of the object, for example device "1" 206 and device "2" 208. When object data is received, the destination device 204 indexes the data to identify the portion of the object that has been received. As a result preserving the identify identity of bytes indicating the portion of the total data that has been received, the destination device can determine the identity of the portion not received and request the object from multiple sources each having only a part of the object (for example bytes 0-X 210 or bytes X-N 212 (indicated by brackets). Likewise, the destination device (master) can request a remaining portion of the data for the object from the same or another source if a transfer is interrupted before completion. This permits the user to pause and restart the transfer and permits the destination device to recover from failed transfers. In a network of portable devices operating in an inherently noisy communication environment, a transfer from one source can be interrupted by the source moving out of range or by interference.